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## STATEMENT OF J. LEONARD LEDBETTER

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May 5, 1986

Mr. R. P. Whitfield, Director Environmental Division U. S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office P. O. Box A Aiken, South Carolina 29802

> Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement Alternative Cooling Water Systems Savannah River Plant

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

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We have reviewed this draft EIS dated March 1986. Although Georgia is concerned with any activity which can affect the Savannah River, most of the thermal effects from the Savannah River Plant cooling water discharges occur in South Carolina, and these discharges are regulated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Therefore, we will not make specific recommendations among the alternatives considered. We do expect that the Department of

The Department of Energy prepared this environmental impact statement to fulfill requirements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act—as identified in the current Consent Order with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control—in attaining compliance with South Carolina's Class B water classification standards.

Table J-2. DOE responses to comments on Draft EIS (continued)

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	Energy will cooperate with the SCDHEC in taking all necessary action to protect water quality in the Savannah River and to maintain a healthy ecological system.	
	Sincerely,	
	J. Leonard Ledbetter Commissioner	

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cc: Robert G. Gross